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SUBJECT: MEDIUM WAVE BROADCASTING OPERATIONS - YUGOSLAV
INTEREST IN RESOLUTION OF FREQUENCY PROBLEMS.

REFS: STATE 294758 AND 294759; BELGRADE 7769 (NOTAL)

1. YUGOSLAVIA HAS RAISED MATTER OF INTERFERENCE TO RADIO
BELGRADE (683 KHZ) AND RADIO SARAJEVO (611 KHZ) CAUSED
BY PRESENT OPERATIONS ON SAME FREQUENCIES BY RIAS HOF
AND AFN, RESPECTIVELY. GOY PRESSING FOR RELIEF FROM
INTERFERENCE IN BOTH CASES.

2. IN CASE OF RIAS INTERFERENCE TO BELGRADE, PROBLEM
APPEARS BE RIAS USE OF 683 KHZ DURING NIGHT HOURS.
WE HAVE ASKED RIAS CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF USING
683 KHZ ONLY IN DAYTIME AND SYNCHRONIZING NIGHTTIME
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OPERATION ON 989 KHZ. SUCH OPERATION WOULD BE CONSISTENT

WITH FREQUENCY USAGE AS PRESCRIBED FOR 684 AND 990 KHZ
(THE NEW PLAN FREQUENCIES) IN FINAL ACTS OF LF/MF
CONFERENCE. IF RIAS WOULD MAKE SUCH ADJUSTMENT IN
USAGE, GOY HINTS IT PREPARED TAKE RADIO SABAC BROADCASTS
OFF OF VOA KAVALA ON 791 KHZ (THUS SIGNIFICANTLY
LOWERING PRESENT INTERFERENCE TO VOA KAVALA SERBO-
CROATIAN BROADCASTS).

3. POSSIBLE RESOLUTION OF AFN INTERFERENCE TO RADIO
SARAJEVO NOT SO SIMPLE. WE ARE CONCERNED BY GOY THREAT
THAT WORK OF U.S. INFORMATION CENTER IN SARAJEVO
WOULD BE SEVERELY CIRCUMSCRIBED UNTIL PROBLEM
RESOLVED, BUT WE ARE NOT WILLING TO FOREGO THE CONCERNED
AFN OPERATIONS. SINCE POWER REDUCTIONS BY AFN HAVE NOT
APPEASED THE GOY, ONLY REMEDY APPEARS TO BE A FREQUENCY
CHANGE.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM FRG OF ABOVE AND SEEK FRG
REACTION TO BOTH SITUATIONS. IN MATTER OF AFN, DOES
FRG SEE ANY POSSIBILITY FOR SWITCH FROM 611 KHZ TO
1107 KHZ PRIOR TO PLAN DATE NOVEMBER 23, 1978? IF SO,
WHAT WOULD BE EARLIEST DATE? ROBINSON

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